

# Secure Commonwealth Panel

Health and Medical Subpanel Update  
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## History of the Subpanel

- Formed in 2002
- Opportunity for significant emergency preparedness collaboration among government, providers and first responders in addition to other key health and medical stakeholders
- Numerous legislative initiatives arising from subpanel member efforts
- Convenes at least twice a year



## Key Recent Items of Interest

- Continue to promote situational awareness of important public health threats.
- Build on our recent H1N1 engagement of private providers/entities in emergency planning and response.
  - Flu season 2010-2011
- Educate the health care community on issues related to health care volunteers during emergencies:
  - Process
  - Credentialing
  - In AND out-of-state deployment

## Key items, continued

- Operationalize recent mandates for school-age vaccination during large scale emergencies and for vaccination by the emergency medical services community
- Community Medical surge - identifying responsibilities and roles of private sector hospitals, state and local governments to deal with medical surge
  - Hurricane Planning
- Ensure inclusive planning to expand ALL-needs population preparedness and responsiveness to support their requirements.

## Recommendations

- The Health & Medical Subpanel should continue to convene
- Continue efforts to expand diverse stakeholder involvement in the subpanel
- Encourage joint meetings of subpanels around key topics/issues